

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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Health Risk Assessment of 1,3-Butadiene—External Review Draft**AGENCY:** Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).**ACTION:** Notice of availability of external review draft.

SUMMARY: This document announces the availability of an External Review Draft titled, *Health Risk Assessment of 1,3-Butadiene* (EPA/600/P-98/001A), for public review and comment. The draft was prepared by the National Center for Environmental Assessment (NCEA) within EPA's Office of Research and Development (ORD).

DATES: The External Review Draft is being made available on or about February 12, 1998, for a 60-day public review and comment period. Comments must be in writing and must be postmarked by April 10, 1998. See Addresses section for guidance on submitting comments.

ADDRESSES: The External Review Draft will be made available electronically on the NCEA Home Page of the Internet at <http://www.epa.gov/ncea>. To obtain a paper copy of the draft document, interested parties should contact ORD Publications, Center for Environmental Research Information (CERI), U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, 26 W. Martin Luther King Drive, Cincinnati, OH 45268; telephone: 513-569-7562; fax: 513-569-7566; to have your name added to the mailing list. Please provide the title (*Health Risk Assessment of 1,3-Butadiene—External Review Draft*), EPA number (EPA 600/P-98/001A) and your name and address. Copies will be mailed as soon as printed copies are available. The draft also will be available for inspection in the EPA Information Resources Center (IRC) at EPA Headquarters, Waterside Mall-Room 2904, 401 M Street, SW, Washington, DC 20460. The IRC is open from 8:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding federal holidays.

Comments on the draft should be sent to the Project Manager for 1,3-Butadiene, Technical Information Staff (8623

-D), National Center for Environmental Assessment-Washington Office, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, 401 M Street, SW, Washington, DC 20460. Please submit one unbound original, to include an index of any attachments, and three copies.

Comments may also be sent electronically to butadiene@epamail.epa.gov.

Please note that the Agency is seeking comments that specifically relate to the technical aspects of the draft document. All technical comments will become part of the public record. For that reason, commenters should not provide any information that is not suitable for public inspection, such as personal medical information, home address, or any information protected by copyright. Comments that address policy or other issues, or do not specifically provide technical comments on the draft, will not be included in the public record. Due to limited resources, acknowledgments will not be sent.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Aparna Koppikar, National Center for Environmental Assessment-Washington Office, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, 401 M Street, SW, Washington, DC 20460; telephone: 202-260-6765 (before March 1), 202-564-3242 (after March 1); e-mail: koppikar.aparna@epamail.epa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency is undertaking a reassessment of the health risk of 1,3-butadiene to support decision making regarding the Air Toxic Rule's Section 202(l)(2) of the Clean Air Act Amendments. This assessment focuses on mutagenicity, carcinogenicity, and reproductive/developmental effects, and is not intended to be a comprehensive health assessment. The exposure information included in this document is an overview of the ambient exposure and exposure to populations adjacent to emission sources, without any actual exposure assessment as such.

The draft document also will undergo review by the Agency's Science Advisory Board (SAB) at a public meeting to be held in Washington, DC, in May of 1998. Specific details about that meeting will be announced in a later **Federal Register** document. Interested parties will be afforded an opportunity to present brief oral comments on the draft at the meeting.

Dated: February 5, 1998.

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Spring 1998 Training for EPCRA Section 313 Reporting Requirements**AGENCY:** Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).**ACTION:** Notice.

SUMMARY: EPA will hold a series of training courses on the reporting requirements as mandated by section 313 of the Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Act of 1986 (EPCRA) and section 6607 of the Pollution Prevention Act of 1990 (PPA). This series of training courses will be offered during spring 1998 and are principally directed at facilities subject to the reporting requirements under EPCRA section 313 and PPA section 6607.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Michael Hart (202-260-1576) or Tascon Inc. (Fax: 301-907-9655). To register, send your name, industry, address, telephone number, fax number, e-mail address, and training location via fax to Tascon, Inc.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: EPA will hold a series of training courses to familiarize certain facilities with their reporting requirements under section 313 of the Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Act of 1986 (EPCRA) and section 6607 of the Pollution Prevention Act of 1990 (PPA). These facilities may perform activities associated with the following industry sectors: manufacturing (Standard Industry Classification (SIC) SIC codes 20-39), metal mining (SIC code 10, except 1011, 1081, and 1094), coal mining (SIC code 12, except 1241), electricity generation (SIC codes 4911, 4931, and 4939 (limited to facilities that combust coal and/or oil for the purpose of generating electricity for distribution in commerce)), hazardous waste treatment (SIC codes 4953 (limited to facilities regulated under RCRA Subtitle C, 42 U.S.C. section 6921 *et seq.*)), solvent recovery (SIC code 7389 (limited to facilities primarily engaged in solvents recovery services on a contract or fee basis)), chemical and allied products wholesale (SIC code 5169), and petroleum bulk terminals and stations wholesale (SIC code 5171).

The training courses present basic requirements of EPCRA section 313 and PPA section 6607. A variety of hands-on exercises using the reporting forms along with supporting materials will be used to help participants understand any reporting obligations they may have